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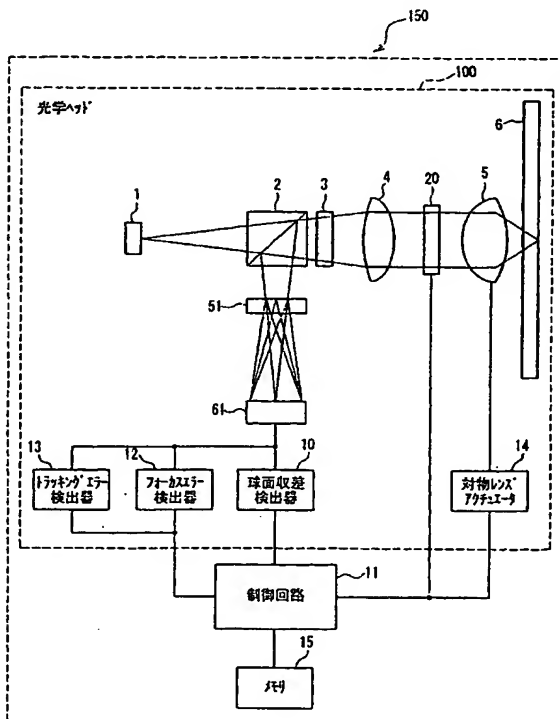
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(54) Title: OPTICAL HEAD AND OPTICAL DISK UNIT

(54) 発明の名称: 光学ヘッドおよび光ディスク装置



100... OPTICAL HEAD  
10... SPHERICAL ABERRATION DETECTOR  
11... CONTROL CIRCUIT  
12... FOCUS ERROR DETECTOR  
13... TRACKING ERROR DETECTOR  
14... OBJECT LENS ACTUATOR  
15... MEMORY

(57) Abstract: An optical head comprising a light source, an object lens, a light splitting means, a light receiving element, a tracking error signal detecting means, and a spherical aberration detecting means, wherein the light splitting means has six regions divided by a first splitting line parallel to the longitudinal direction of information tracks and by second and third splitting lines perpendicular to the first splitting line, and the spherical aberration detecting means compares the deviation of a first focus point obtained from a light flux passed through two regions disposed between second and third splitting lines with the deviation of a second focus point obtained from a light flux passed through four regions disposed on the outer side of the second and third splitting lines to generate a spherical aberration error signal for detecting a spherical aberration generated at the object lens.

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(57) 要約:

光学ヘッドは、光源と対物レンズと光分割手段と受光素子とトラッキングエラー信号検出手段と球面収差検出手段とを具備しており、光分割手段は、情報トラックの長手方向に平行な第 1 の分割線と、第 1 の分割線と直交する第 2 および第 3 の分割線とによって分割された 6 つの領域を有しており、球面収差検出手段は、第 2 および第 3 の分割線の上に配置された 2 つの領域を通過した光束から得られる第 1 のフォーカス点のずれ量と、第 2 および第 3 の分割線の外側に配置された 4 つの領域を通過した光束から得られる第 2 のフォーカス点のずれ量とを比較して、対物レンズにおいて発生する球面収差を検出するための球面収差誤差信号を生成する。

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y A	JP 11-73658 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 16 March, 1999 (16.03.99), Full text; Figs. 1 to 20 Full text; Figs. 1 to 20 & US 6185167 B1	1, 7-11 2, 12
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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Claims 1-2, 7-12 relate to a device provided with a light splitting means having six regions divided by a first splitting line parallel to the longitudinal direction of information tracks and by second and third splitting lines being perpendicular to the first splitting line and disposed in parallel and symmetric to each other with respect to the optical axis of the optical system.

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Claims 3-4 relate to a device provided with a light splitting means having eight regions divided by a first splitting line parallel to the longitudinal direction of information tracks, a second splitting line being perpendicular to the first splitting line and passing the optical axis of an object lens, a third splitting line disposed in parallel to the second splitting line, and a fourth splitting line being disposed on the opposite side with respect to the second splitting line of the third splitting line and having a semi-circular shape around the optical axis of a condensing optical system.

Claims 5-6 relate to a device provided with a light splitting means having eight regions divided by a first splitting line parallel to the longitudinal direction of information tracks, second and third splitting lines being perpendicular to the first splitting line and disposed in parallel and symmetric to each other with respect to the optical axis of an object lens, and a fourth splitting line being disposed between the second and third splitting lines and having a semi-circular shape around the optical axis of a condensing optical system.